

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" paragraph, on page 3 of the Specification as follows:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is related to a family of patent applications filed on the same day by the same inventors including those entitled: (1) Automated Statistical Self-Calibrating Detection and Removal of Blemishes in Digital Images Based On Multiple Occurrences Of Dust In Images, filed September 30, 2003, application serial number 10/676,823; (2) Automated Statistical Self-Calibrating Detection and Removal of Blemishes in Digital Images Based on a Dust Map Developed From Actual Image Data, filed September 30, 2003, application serial number 10/677,134; (3) Automated Statistical Self-Calibrating Detection and Removal of Blemishes in Digital Images Dependent Upon Changes in Extracted Parameter Values, filed September 30, 2003, application serial number 10/677,139; (4) Automated Statistical Self-Calibrating Detection and Removal of Blemishes in Digital Images Based on Determining Probabilities Based On Image Analysis Of Single Images, filed September 30, 2003, application serial number 10/677,140; (5) Determination Of Need To Service A Camera Based On Detection of Blemishes in Digital Images, filed September 30, 2003, application serial number 10/676,820; (6) Method Of Detecting and Correcting Dust in Digital Images Based On Aura And Shadow Region Analysis, filed September 30, 2003, application serial number 10/676,845; (7) Digital Camera, filed September 30, 2003, application serial number 10/676,716; and (8) Digital Image Acquisition And Processing System, filed September 30, 2003, application serial number 10/676,835, which are all hereby incorporated by reference.